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How Properly to Study the Bible

By the late Dr. R. A. Torrey
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"These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so."—Acts 17:11.

My subject this morning is *How Properly to Study the Bible*. I have eleven texts in which God Himself tells us very plainly and very fully how to study His Book. Please note that some Scriptures are given in the King James Version, some in the R.V. (the American Standard Version).

Acts 17:11: "These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so."

Isaiah 8:20, R.V.: "To the law and to the testimony! if they speak not according to this word, surely there is no morning for them."

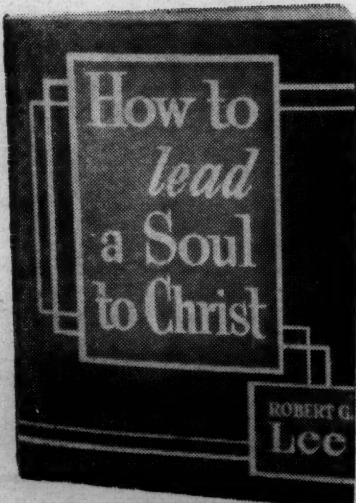
Psalms 1:1-3: "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper."

Psalms 119:11, R.V.: "Thy word have I laid up in my heart, That I might not sin against thee."

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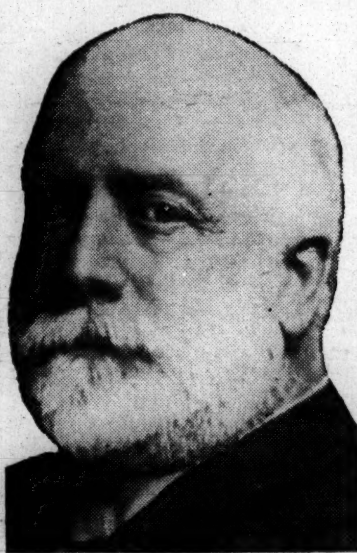
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Dr. R. A. Torrey

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The Devil in Liquid Form

by Evangelist Joe Miller
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"Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging; and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise."—Prov. 20:1.

"Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder."—Prov. 23:31,32.

"Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God."—I Cor. 6:10.

Did you ever notice how closely the Devil is related to strong drink in the Bible? In the book of Revelation, chapter twelve, verse nine, the Devil, who deceived the whole world, was cast out into the earth. In our first text—anyone deceived by wine is not wise.

In Revelation, chapter 12, the Devil is called the old serpent and Proverbs tells us, chapter 23, verses 31 and 32, wine moves itself in the cup, bites like a serpent and stings like an adder.

In Revelation, chapter 20, verse

10, the Devil is cast into the lake of fire, the very same fate awaiting all those who live a foolish life of drunkenness, according to I Corinthians, chapter 6, verse 10.

Isn't there a great deal of relation, a whole lot more than most of us realize; both are called serpents, both will deceive and finally lead the sinner to Hell.

Our nation suffers today at the hands of this terrible enemy. *Quick* magazine, some time ago, reported that when General Marshall was asked to name the greatest threat to American security today, he said it was a certain cocktail bar in Washington.

I asked some of the ladies of the W.C.T.U. here in Harrisburg for figures on the consumption of intoxicating drinks in the United States. They gave me the information that there are three million people in our country right now whose lives will be shortened because of excessive drinking. It is estimated that this country spends enough on liquor in one year to give every family two hundred and thirty-six dollars as an outright gift. We usually speak of foreign countries as being lovers of intoxicating drinks, but the truth is, we are far worse. This year we spent twice as much as the German people did for drink.

The March issue this year of *Better Homes and Gardens* carries an article by Milton Lomark entitled "First Report on High School Drinking." I can't agree with the conclusion reached in this article but the statistics are of interest. Mr. Lomark quotes statistics from a survey made by Dr. Matthew N. Chappel, head of the psychology department of Hofstra College. Dr. Chappel studied 29,000 pupils in the most of the high schools of Nassau County, New York. This survey revealed that 90 per cent of the pupils drink, and that this drinking began in some cases before the child was 11 years of age. Ninety-five per cent of the adults drink and 93

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GOD at the DOOR

by Evangelist John R. Rice, D.D., Litt.D.

(Mechanically recorded for THE SWORD OF THE LORD.)

"Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me."—Rev. 3:20.

Read that verse again. Jesus said, "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me." Jesus is at the heart's door. Jesus at the door!

I want you to remember—and this seems to me one of the most charming pictures in the whole Bible—Jesus Christ is standing at the door of the heart. Jesus standing at the door, knocking at the door, has been pictured by many an artist. Years ago, it was pictured by a man named Holman Hunt, then later by other artists who got the idea from him, perhaps. He is at the door of your heart today. If you are unconverted, if you are unsaved, I would like to talk to you about how the dear Saviour stands there today and pleads with you, how He wants to come in.

Jesus is the author of the book of Revelation, and we find Him giving John the message. Jesus said, "I stand at the door." It means that Jesus is not just a man; that doesn't mean that Jesus died and that is the end of Him. But Jesus, who met John and revealed these things to him, says, "I am the God that deals

with every man." Jesus is Almighty God, one with the Father. Jesus is as much alive and as much for every poor sinner to deal with as is God the Father. Jesus here claims deity when He knocks at the heart's door and offers to come into the heart of every poor, lost sinner and to live with him and sup with him.

Jesus Calls at Every Heart's Door

After dealing with the churches in this chapter the Lord Jesus now turns to deal with the individual. That is what He did all through His ministry. You remember that great multitudes followed Him. He fed 5,000 men besides women and children at one time. At another time, the crowd was 4,000 men besides women and children. Some twenty times in the first twenty chapters of the book of Matthew the word *multitude* or *multitudes* is used about the people who heard Jesus, but again and again Jesus turned to the individual and wanted the individual to be saved. So it was in John 3 with Nicodemus and in John, chapter 4, with the woman at the well of Sychar in Samaria. And so today Jesus turns from

the great crowd to speak to each individual and to say to you today, "I am standing at your door, knocking. I want to come in."

In Matthew, chapter 11, Jesus had been preaching to the nation Israel. He has made great offers of mercy to the whole nation, has given solemn warnings to the whole nation. Then He turns in Matthew 11:28-30 and says, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Here is the plea that every individual can come to Jesus and get rest.

I am saying that Jesus here in this short verse turns away from the churches, turns away from the multitudes, turns away from dealing with nations and classes and masses, and deals with every individual heart. "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me."

At the heart's door, the Saviour's waiting.

At the heart's door, fast closed by sin.

Don't you hear Him gently knocking?

Draw the bolt and let Him in!

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Evangelist Joe Miller

Youth's Corner

The Editor Answers
Young People's
Questions

If a soul we do not win goes to Hell, is it our fault?

The implication of many Scriptures is that if we do not win souls, they will not be won. For example, Romans 10:14 says, "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?" The clear implication is that unless we preach and send preachers, that people will go to Hell because they do not hear the Gospel.

Again in Ezekiel 3:17-19, the Lord told the Prophet Ezekiel that he was set as a watchman over the house of Israel, that if he warned sinners and if then they did not hear, they would die; but Ezekiel had delivered his soul; but if Ezekiel failed to warn them, and they died, "Their blood will I require at thine hand." The immediate meaning of the Scripture was that Ezekiel was a prophet in Israel, to warn people not to violate the Mosaic law, and so to incur the penalty of death on such sin. But surely God intended it to intimate to us that He will require the blood of unsaved souls who go to Hell when we did not warn them, at our hand. It is only fair to take the Scripture at face value, and believe the implication that seems to have been intended there.

In fact, the way the Lord Jesus gave the Great Commission, commanding us to take the Gospel to every creature, is in itself to be taken as evidence that those who do not hear the Gospel will be lost, and we will be responsible for it.

The doctrine that if I do not win a soul God will send someone else to him, is a part of fatalism. And if you are going to hold the doctrine that God has predestinated certain people to be saved, whether or no, then you are going to have to take the rest of the same doctrine, that God has also predestinated the one who will take the Gospel to him. If you leave no power of choice with the sinner, then you can leave none with the Christian who ought to tell him the Gospel. Or if you make it so a sinner will be saved anyway, whether I go as God leads me to go or not, then that is an inconsistent doctrine. I believe in predestination, in a Bible sense, that is, that God knows ahead of time who will trust Him. But God also knows who will take the Gospel, and His predestination is based on His foreknowledge. Certainly, God does not

intend to save anybody except those who hear the Gospel and believe in Christ.

I say it is not sensible to say that every sinner who would be saved otherwise will be saved anyhow, whether I go to talk to him or not, if you do not say also that every Christian is going to go where he ought to go, whether he wants to or not. The two parts of fatalism will have to go together. If one is true, both are true.

Then, if you say that no one goes to Hell because of a Christian's negligence, you are saying that in times of great revival, brought about by the prayers of Christians and their obedience to Christ, that no one is saved except those who would have been saved anyhow. That seems unreasonable. Do you not believe that souls are saved in answer to prayer? Do you not believe that revivals come because God's people confess and forsake their sins and set out to win souls, as they ought? Then do you not believe that in such revivals more people are saved than in other times and seasons, and in other places? If you believe that more souls are saved because of revivals, brought on by prayer and preaching and repentance on the part of God's people, then you must concede that souls will be saved when we do our duty about winning souls, who would not be saved otherwise. If you say that souls whom I do not warn will be saved just the same, whether I do my duty or not, then do you believe that all the people misled by false doctrine are not harmed by it at all? Do you believe that all the cults and isms, the pagan religions, the darkness of Roman Catholicism, does not keep people from being saved? Would you go on record as saying that just as many people are saved as if all the Catholics were teaching the truth, as if the Mohammedans were devout Christians; that all the people are saved who would be saved anyway, if there were no false cults like Christian Science and Spiritism? Do you mean to say that false teaching and wicked living have nothing to do with the conversion of sinners? Obviously, that is not true. But if a man, by giving false doctrine, and if by exalting works instead of the blood of Christ, keeps somebody from being saved, then you have lost your doctrine and argument.

I think we ought to take the Bible at simple face value, and the implications are that if we win souls, they will be saved, and if we do not win souls, some of them may not be won.

It is true that if I do not win a man, somebody else may win him, but it is by no means certain that someone will, and surely if I do not win some souls, they will never be saved.

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God at the Door

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Jesus is knocking at the door!

Some Churches May Not Seek Sinners, But Jesus Does

Notice first that among the lukewarm churches in the formal religion of the day, Jesus knocks at individuals' hearts. Jesus had just finished giving the message to the church of the Laodiceans in Revelation 3, verses 14 to 19. He said, "I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot . . . because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth." He goes on to say, "You say you are rich and increased with goods, and you don't need anything, and you are not bothered about winning souls. You say you have everything you need." But in the midst of that formal, worldly church that is forgetting soul winning and forgetting Jesus even, Jesus said, "I turn to the individual and knock at the heart door."

It may be the church is lukewarm toward soul winning but Jesus is not! Blessed be God, His dear heart burns with a holy zeal today to get people saved—just as much concerned today with that as ever He was. It may be that other people—the churches, the denominations—may say, "I am increased with goods and have need of nothing," not knowing how poor, miserable, wretched, blind, and helpless they are; but Jesus is meek and lowly in heart. He is the approachable Jesus. He is the one you can always come to. He is the one who is not so high and mighty but what He takes time to come and speak at your heart's door and plead with you to let Him in. Oh, Jesus turns from the worldly, formal church and the formal religion to knock at the heart's door.

It may be that other churches you know are miserably poor. It may be that the preachers you know do not have the wealth of Heaven to spread the largess to the poor beggar sinners around them. It may be that they cannot reach down to lift the fallen. They may not be able to know the Gospel and teach people how to have life, joy, and peace in Christ Jesus. I say, Jesus turns from the formal church and the religionists of His day and says, "But I stand at the door of your heart, poor sinner. If you will hear my voice and open the door, I'll come in and sup with you."

In the midst of the modern churches, cold churches, self-righteous churches, churches interested in their programs, churches interested in the denominations, churches interested in form and ceremony and everything else, and above all, complacent and satisfied and lukewarm and self-righteous, Jesus comes and knocks at the door of the heart. This is the most encouraging thing in all of the New Testament, the most encouraging thing for every Christian, everyone who wants to see souls saved. Jesus doesn't quit! Jesus still calls sinners.

It may be that preachers don't call sinners as they ought, but Jesus still does. It may be that Sunday School teachers do not work at saving souls as they ought, but Jesus does. Jesus stands at the door and knocks today.

These days it may be that some churches are spued out of God's mouth. Some people do not believe the Bible, yet call themselves Christians! There are some preachers who do not believe that Jesus was born of a virgin; they do not believe in the blood atonement; they do not believe that Jesus rose from the dead. Some preachers do not believe that people must be born again or spend eternity in Hell. But in the midst of the failure of the churches and the failure of us who are preachers and the failure of us who are Christians, the dear Lord Jesus Himself comes and knocks at the door and says, "Let me in. If you'll open the door, I'll come in and sup with you and you with me."

The Patient Jesus Has Been Waiting Long

I want you to notice next the standing Saviour. He said, "I stand at the door and knock," not, "I will come and give a rap one

time," but "I am standing, standing, standing at the door." Oh, the waiting Saviour! Isn't it an amazing thing how long Jesus waits?

I was nine years old when I was converted, but for four or five years before then God had been knocking at my heart's door. I remember when I was four years old and my birthday had just passed. Christmas came and I remember how we had the Christmas lesson. We had the story of no room in the inn, and nobody had room for Jesus. I thought, "What a miserable thing for anybody not to have room for Jesus," and I was convicted in my heart. I remember a song people used to sing and how I was so convicted. Then my mother died and told us we must meet her in Heaven. Later I had a godly Sunday School teacher who prayed for me to be saved. Why, for five years God had been standing at my heart's door. Jesus had been knocking, knocking, knocking. So the Scripture says. Jesus said, "I stand at the door and knock."

Isn't it strange, the patience of God? I hear some tomfool people talk about how God wouldn't let anybody go to Hell and I know that some preachers laugh and scoff at the idea of anybody's committing the unpardonable sin. But it would not be amazing to me that God let a sinner go to Hell. As wicked as we are, as long as we continue to turn down the Lord Jesus, as persistently and wickedly and in perverted self-will we go on our way and sin, I am not surprised when God lets a poor sinner die and go to Hell. And I am not surprised that God sometimes is tired of knocking and if the Holy Spirit sometimes withdraws as God said, "My spirit shall not always strive with man" (Gen. 6:3). That wouldn't be surprising to me. The surprising thing is that Jesus stands at the door of a man's heart and knocks for a year, or five years, or twenty years, or forty years, sometimes, and that man still turns Him down. Oh, the infinite, loving patience of Jesus Christ, who stands at the door and knocks!

I wonder, are you sometimes wearied with all the pleading of preachers? Are you sometimes wearied and say, "I don't want any more of that stuff!"

I remember what a girl said to me one time when I talked to her about the Lord: "Here we go again," with a sense of impatience and a disgust that she would have to talk again about the Lord. I said, "Well, you never mind. One of these days the dear Lord may leave you and you'll not be bothered any more about this matter."

A young man was angry because somebody had handed him a tract on the streetcar. He entered the house; when he put his hat on the hatrack, there was another tract. So he said to his mother, "When will I be done with this stuff? Today somebody handed me a tract on the streetcar; and here's one here, and I find them in my room." He said, "When will I be where people won't pester me about this matter?" His mother said, "When you go to Hell nobody will pester you then about it!"

Oh, what if you should discourage the Saviour, what if He should grow weary, what if He should not call anymore? What if He should cease to knock! Oh, dear sinner, while Jesus stands at the door, it is time to be saved!

Notice, He is knocking. "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me." "I will come in."

Consider How Jesus Knocks

How does Jesus knock? Jesus knocks through preachers—that's one way. Jesus is knocking at your heart's door now. There is somebody who says, "Well, there's that loudmouthed preacher! There's John Rice begging me to turn from my sins and trust Christ and be saved!" You may not like it but you had better stop and think. That is the voice of God. It is a privilege unspeakable for me to preach the Gospel. How highly I regard this open door over the radio, and with what

"...a Catechist ...Until..."

By Viola Walden, Secretary to the Editor

By faith . . . we do so much of our work here at the Sword office. BUT GOD! How He has rewarded us! Recently during Letter Month our hearts were made to rejoice by some revealing letters; one from a former "catechist in the Roman Catholic Church." It is a long letter from the Philippine Islands, full of praise to God for showing him the light; some of it I quote for your edification.

"Seven years ago I was in darkness, a catechist, a teacher in religion in the Roman Catholic Church. In fact, I was, as often designated in Christianity, a Sunday School Superintendent—until one day I received a booklet entitled A SERMON FROM A CATHOLIC BIBLE, by author John R. Rice. Every member of my class received a copy.

"As you know, it is considered a sin to read Protestant literature. At first reading I did not suspect it. Later on I knew it was authored by a Protestant minister. I hated that booklet—I hated you for writing that booklet then.

"I prepared my answers to all your arguments, was ready to mail it to Wheaton but God withheld them. There was an argument I was not prepared to answer—about Mary needing a Saviour. In fact, that shook my faith. Then I began to investigate other Protestant literature . . . Months later the Holy Spirit through the Bible convicted me.

"Now I backslid for a year but never doubted my salvation. Through friends who lent me your articles I read about being certain of our salvation . . . I was not living the victorious life. I was working on Sundays.

"Then God, through your book, THE POWER OF PENTECOST, spoke to me again. I gave up my job, became a translator and finally entered full-time ministry. Now I am a pastor in this place where God saved me. This place is my "Jerusalem."

"Next year, God willing, I am going back to finish my theology course . . . My wife got saved after I gave my life to the ministry. Hallelujah!

"Dr. Rice, you have been a real blessing to me. I have prayed for you and THE SWORD since I got saved and I'm still praying for you. Two years ago the Lord provided the paper I longed to read—THE SWORD OF THE LORD. It was an answer to prayer. A missionary friend subscribed for it for me, I think.

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This ought to encourage us who send subscriptions to others. Somebody by faith sent this former Catholic catechist a subscription, not knowing perhaps what it would mean in his life and ministry. Certainly God has abundantly rewarded the one who gave the subscription.

So many letters are received from those who got gift subscriptions from unknown donors, and the reading of THE SWORD literally transformed their lives. We suggest that you pray and ask God how you can be instrumental in blessing others.

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gratitude to God I come to preach to you, knowing that God Himself stands at your door and knocks as I preach, and knowing that the dear Lord Jesus will hold you to account for what you hear from my lips. God calls through preach-

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Lost — Looked for — Finally Found

By Walter Hughes, B.A., M.B.E.
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The theme of Luke's Gospel is the presentation of Christ as the Son of Man. As a consequence, in this Gospel we hear him often in prayer, ministering to needy women, loving little children, and lifting the fallen. In Luke's Gospel Christ will often be seen with publicans and sinners thronging Him. As a result the Pharisees were indignant and spat out bitter criticism of the Christ. The Scribes and Pharisees united in a common accusation, "This man receiveth sinners, and eateth with them" (Luke 15:2).

For once the Pharisees spoke the truth. That criticism was and is gloriously and everlastingly true.

What did Christ say in rebuttal? There was no hot denial while His face reddened in shame. He accepts the accusation as being the truth. Taking their criticism as His text He illustrates the truth of it with these **THREE PARABLES** so familiar to us all. There are

Some Clear Contrasts in These Parables

In the first a sheep was lost. In the second some silver was lost. In the third a son was lost.

Some think there is a fourth parable and that in it another son was lost. One son was lost *away from home* and the other lost *at home*.

In the first parable there was one out of one hundred lost. In the second there was one out of ten lost. In the third one out of two was lost. In the sheep we have a mammal lost. In the silver we have metal lost. In the son we have a man lost. The sheep was lost in the darkness. The silver was lost in the dust. The son was lost in the distance.

Some Striking Similarities in the Stories

There are some words and expressions common to each. There are three words that ring out in each. They are these: **LOST, SEEK, REJOICE.**

The word **LOST** stands out in bold black letters in each story. There are several words very prominent in the New Testament. They are mostly monosyllables. One is the word **COME**. That is a blessed Gospel word. The other is the word **NOW** which rings out repeatedly. The other is the word **LOST**. We see the word **LOST** in one way or another from Genesis to Revelation. It is heard especially in these three stories. It is a terrifying thing to be lost. To be lost in a big, bustling, unfamiliar city or in a great forest is a pitiable plight. To be lost forever is the biggest tragedy of all. If the Bible does not teach that all men are lost then language has no meaning and words are a jig-saw puzzle.

The **SHEEP** WAS **LOST** because it had wandered from the fold and the shepherd. God says, "All we, like sheep, have gone astray." We see shepherdless men everywhere. The coin was lost because it was out of circulation. Unsaved men are like that silver. Their lives are out of count, and useless. The **SON** was lost because he was in the far country. He was no worker, but a waster. He was no lifter, but a loose liver.

How they became lost. The **SHEEP** just wandered away. Men are like sheep. Men get lost, not sometimes because they maliciously determine to be lost but they just aimlessly drift from God. The coin got lost because someone was careless. A woman let it slip through her fingers. Some boys and girls are lost because some parents have been careless and neglectful. The **SON** was lost because of downright determination to depart. After all, sin in its essence is the desire and determination to do as we please.

*I was a wandering sheep,
I did not love the fold;
I did not love the Shepherd's voice,
I would not be controlled;*

*I was a wayward child,
I did not love my home,
I did not love my father's voice,
I loved afar to roam.*

The word **SEEK** runs right through all the stories. The Master said: "The Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." He also said: "As the Father hath sent me even so send I you." That should be sufficient to make each saint a seeker. Some, like sinners, would make excuses. Some say, "I have no special talents or training." The woman in the middle parable had only a *broom* and a *candle*. They are both commonplace. The greatest need is determination. In the first two stories the word **UNTIL** rings out. We must keep at the search and refuse defeat. The woman sought "DILIGENTLY UNTIL she found it."

The word **JOY** also rings out of these parables of lost things. There was joy in the fold, joy in the family. Christ says there is joy in Heaven when sinners are found and saved. It is great to find things. Our hearts, our homes, our churches, would be filled with Heaven's joy if only lost souls were saved. My Christian friend, "GO AFTER them UNTIL you find them."

*And all through the mountains,
thunder riven,
And up from the rocky steep,
There arose a cry to the gate of Heaven,
Rejoice, I have found my Sheep!
And the angels echoed around the Throne,
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice!
For the Lord brings back His own.*

Dr. Bob Jones SAYS:



I quote a paragraph from a very interesting letter which we received a few days ago from a Christian man: "The only three children that the Lord blessed our home with are students on Bob Jones University campus. One is a preacher boy; one is studying to teach; and the baby, who is a girl, is in Bob Jones Academy. I am so thankful to God that they are in Bob Jones University. I would not have them on any other campus in the world except as second choice."

How we thank God for our loyal students and the loyal fathers and mothers of these young people. I believe with all my heart that God called Bob Jones University into existence to give a certain definite testimony. When I think of all the Lord has done for us in the twenty-eight years' history of the University, I am overwhelmed with gratitude.

My friends, remember we must have more buildings to accommodate the students that wish to attend and to relieve the present congestion in our classrooms. We earnestly appeal to you who love the Lord Jesus Christ to invest some money in the University and have a real part in the work the Lord is doing through the school. *From now until we complete our*

present expansion program, we are going to set aside one-half of all the money that comes in (unless it is definitely earmarked for a specific purpose) for the building program and one-fourth for the Student Loan Endowment Fund and one-fourth for the Missionary Fund. Won't you, when you read this, just ask God what He would have you do; and if He does not want you to do anything, don't do it; but if He wants you to send some money here, send it. I believe the Lord will lead you to send a contribution of some amount.

Please keep on praying for the school. Pray earnestly and pray daily, and remember we want you Christian people to help us select the right kind of young people who can be trained for real Christian leadership, for that is the need of our day. We are endeavoring to train young people who will not compromise in this age of compromise and of low religious standards. We believe we will be hearing from you in answer to this appeal; so thank you in advance and God bless you.

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THE EDITOR'S Notes by John R. Rice

The summer is upon us, but the editor's mail will be handled directly from the office at Wheaton, Illinois. Address all correspondence there, and wherever I am, it will reach me most safely and receive the best attention by being addressed to Wheaton.

You Can Understand the Bible!

My brand-new commentary on the Gospel according to Matthew is here! Seven hundred people ordered the book at the pre-publication price. I have been looking through the 504 pages. All of us are proud of the beautiful book. It is a big thing, nearly two inches thick, but again as I looked it through, I have been impressed with the way God helped us to make the Scriptures clear. My language is the plain, simple language of the evangelist, the preacher to the common people. You can understand it. And my method is to take the Bible literally and to prove and explain every point by many, many other Scriptures. And I find that by the time you are through studying the Gospel of Matthew with the help of this commentary, you have gone through the whole Bible, have learned every great doctrine in the Bible from the virgin birth, the premillennial coming of Christ, and salvation by the blood, on to the fire in Hell, the joy of Heaven, and the reign of Christ on David's throne! One who follows this study of the Bible through this commentary on the book of Matthew called *The King of the Jews* will have studied through the Bible and will have become acquainted with the great doctrines and principles of the Scripture.

I hope you will get it and use it again and again and find it a great blessing. 504 big pages, price \$3.95, plus 20c postage and packing, if ordered by mail from the Sword of the Lord.

Are Preachers Worth Saving?

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keeping warm for Christ? Are preachers really worth the investment it will take to help them be the prophets of God, the heralds of the Gospel that they can be?

Well, I think so. This morning we had all the workers together for devotions at the Sword of the Lord offices in Wheaton. People from both buildings joined for thirty minutes' devotions together. And I read letters from all over the world that stirred my heart. One letter was from a young Japanese man in Tokyo, writing in broken English. He had been recently saved and called to preach, and wrote to assure us of his daily prayers, and asking for further help. Another letter was from a Methodist pastor who is now in Emory University, and has been greatly blessed by THE SWORD OF THE LORD. He told how his church used the articles on prayer in THE SWORD for prayer meeting topics, and how people learned to pray, and how many had gotten their prayers answered. Other preachers were telling how they had used my booklet, "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" to win souls. One pastor told how THE SWORD OF THE LORD had meant more to him than any book or any other literature but the Bible. A pastor in the British West Indies wrote, joyfully telling how his principal source of inspiration and teaching in preparation for the ministry has been THE SWORD OF THE LORD.

Now I want you to help me send THE SWORD OF THE LORD to thousands of preachers. Some of them are in foreign countries and cannot send money for the paper, though they want it. Others are national workers, who have nothing to send. Some are ministerial students in colleges and seminaries and pleading for the literature that will help make them into the men of God they long to be. There are many, many other preachers who have no touch with evangelical literature. But we have proved by a thousand tests that many of these preachers in modernistic denominations will read THE SWORD OF THE LORD and will be warmed and blessed and taught by it. More than one preacher has been won back from modernism and unbelief to the historic Christian faith, through the pages of THE SWORD OF THE LORD. I am asking that thousands of you help me send them THE SWORD for a year. Give me a chance to bless the preachers. They are worth the investment!

I thought this morning that if I had to send THE SWORD OF THE LORD to ten preachers in order to have one of them blessed, as was a good Methodist preacher in Emory University, preaching in small-town churches in Georgia, it would have been well worth it. Oh, who would not have been will-

ing to spend \$15 to change the life of a preacher, to feed his soul and make his ministry a success? But more than one out of ten of the preachers to whom we will send THE SWORD OF THE LORD will be tremendously blessed by it, I (Continued on page 4)

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Book Reviews

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FORMULA FOR REVIVAL by Hyman Appelman, Sword of the Lord Publishers, Wheaton, Illinois. 167 pages, \$2.

This book is well named *Formula for Revival*. It is just that. In logical order, Dr. Appelman defines a revival, tells why we need a revival, describes the kind of revival we need, discusses things that do hinder, enumerates those things that may be expected from the revival, suggests ways of clearing the way for revival, describes messages that bring revival, emphasizes the place of the Holy Spirit in revival, and, almost as a postscript, analyzes some of the greatest revivalists the world has ever known—Paul, Luther, Wesley, Whitefield, Finney, Moody, and Billy Sunday.

In this book of sermons you will read Appelman at his best—heart-stirring messages by one of the most widely used evangelists of our day. These are not stale, dry lectures, but are sermons preached before one of the most stimulating audiences in all America—the student body and friends of Tennessee Temple Schools in Chattanooga, Tennessee. A book that will bless and stir the hearts of God's people today—a book that will be referred to by preachers and authors of the next generation, should the Lord tarry.

EVANGELIST BILL RICE

JOHN PLOUGHMAN'S TALK by Charles H. Spurgeon, Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids 2, Michigan. 157 pages, \$1.95.

I am delighted that Zondervan Publishing House has seen fit to reprint this charming classic. This, to me, is Charles Spurgeon at his best—not the moving and eloquent pulpiteer, who I must confess seems to me at times a bit tedious and verbose, but the simple-hearted and practical philosopher. These simple down-to-earth essays have about them an almost Dickensian charm. I should like to put one of these in the hands of every student in Bob Jones University. The drawings are almost as charming as the essays, and I wish more had been included in the present edition of this wise and helpful volume.

DR. BOB JONES, JR.

PREACHING ON BIBLE CHARACTERS by Faris D. Whitesell, Baker Book House, Grand Rapids, Michigan. 150 pages, \$2.50.

Personalities are always more interesting and informative than are principles. The Bible presents a veritable "Who's Who," and each personality brings a wealth of spiritual instruction. The great preachers down the generations have been masters in presenting character studies. Dr. Whitesell has done a tremendous service for the clergy in assembling this material on great pulpiteres who have preached on Bible characters, and methods of such preaching. A pastor's ministry will be greatly enlivened and enriched by this excellent and informative study.

DR. V. RAYMOND EDMAN

MISSION ON MAIN STREET by Helga Bender Henry, W. A. Wilde Company, Boston, Massachusetts. 200 pages, \$2.75.

This is the story of the Union Rescue Mission in Los Angeles, said to be the "World's Biggest Skid Row salvage operation" in the world. Beginning in a small way in 1891, the Mission has grown until today its staff numbers 55 and its annual budget is close to \$200,000. It ministers to thousands of derelicts each year and not only feeds and clothes their bodies, but earnestly seeks to win them to an allegiance to Jesus Christ.

The Mission is a continuing testimony to the truth of Matthew 6:33 and to the power of God to change and transform lives which are yielded to Jesus Christ.

DR. T. ROLAND PHILIPS

JOHN CALVIN'S REMARKS ON TITUS 1:10, 11 CONCERNING FALSE TEACHERS

Selected by the Rev. John E. Janbaz

"A good pastor ought therefore to be on watch so as not to give silent permission to wicked and dangerous doctrines to make gradual progress, or to allow wicked men an opportunity of spreading them.

"If we mark such persons and point them out with the finger, everybody will avoid them, and thus they will be prevented from doing harm. This is what Paul had in his eye. Following his example, when we see people who can do nothing but contrive measures for disturbing and ruining the church, and who are altogether addicted to evil, it is true that, if we can bring them back in a gentle manner to the right path, we should

endeavor to do so. But if they persist, and if we perceive that they are obstinate in their malice, we must not be wiser than the Holy Spirit. They must be known, they must be exposed, and their abasement must be held up to public view, that they may be abhorred, and that others may withdraw from them, as we have formerly seen in other passages.

"As for those who murmur when we make use of such liberty, they show plainly that they aim at nothing but confusion in the church. They do indeed make a show of having some regard to humanity. 'And must we degrade people, and hold them up to scorn,

as if we wished to put them to shame?"

"We answer, Must we leave the poor church of God in the power of wolves and robbers? Must all the flock be scattered, the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ trampled under foot, and the souls which He has redeemed at so costly a price go to perdition, and all order set aside; and must we nevertheless be silent and shut our eyes?"

"Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness; from such withdraw thyself."—I Tim. 6:5.

—The Christian Beacon

How Properly to Study the Bible

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cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe."

John 7:17, R.V.: "If any man willeth to do his will, he shall know of the teaching, whether it is of God, or whether I speak from myself."

James 1:22: "But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves."

I Corinthians 2:14: "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."

Psalms 119:18, R.V.: "Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law."

Matthew 11:25: "At that time Jesus answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of Heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes."

Luke 24:27, R.V.: "And beginning from Moses and from all the prophets, he interpreted to them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself."

We saw last Sunday morning something of the importance and value of properly conducted Bible study. We saw that properly conducted Bible study was the one superlatively important study for young and old. We saw that Bible study towered above all other studies in importance and value. But we also saw that not all Bible study had this great importance. We saw that there was in our day much that was called "Bible study" that was not profitable at all; that indeed there was much that was called Bible study that was positively injurious. So our subject today is, *How to Properly Study the Bible*. I use the word "properly" in its exact sense, of appropriately or fittingly. A proper study of the Bible is a study of the Bible that fits the Book you are studying. A study of other books that would be perfectly proper for them would not be proper at all for the Bible; for the Bible is what no other book in the world is, the Bible is God's Book and other books are men's books. As Paul said in writing to the believers in Thessalonica, "For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye receive the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe." The proper study of the Bible will be the most highly profitable study of the Bible. The improper study of the Bible will be unprofitable study of the Bible. The great reason why the kind of study of the Bible that is done at the Chicago University and in the American Institute of Sacred Literature, and in many such places and institutions, is so unprofitable, why it is oftentimes so positively pernicious

and injurious, is because it is so utterly improper, so utterly unfitting the Book upon which it is bestowed. No really intelligent man would study a fairy tale in the same way he would study an accurate and entirely reliable history. And at Chicago University they study the histories of the Bible, which are the most exact and accurate and reliable histories ever written, as if they were fairy tales, or "folklore." No really intelligent or rational man or woman would study an omniscient God's Word as he would study ever-erring man's word. And the Bible is God's Word and they study it at Chicago University as if it were the word of men who did not know quite as much as the very self-sufficient teachers at Chicago University know. And that is a very improper, yes, a very asinine, way to study the Book that is so clearly demonstrated by eighteen centuries of investigation and uniform experience to be the very Word of God.

How shall we study the Bible so as to study it properly and, therefore, study it for the highest profit? God Himself tells us and tells us in the Bible itself.

I. Study the Bible, the Bible Itself

The importance of that comes out in a very striking way in Acts 17:11: "These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they receive the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so." Notice please that it says they "searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so." They did not search the "Talmud" nor the "Targums," the commentaries on the Scriptures, they went right to the Scriptures themselves. They left the muddy streams of man's interpretations of the Scriptures and went to the pure, crystal spring, the Scriptures themselves. That is the proper way to study the Bible: as it is God's Word, and as it alone is God's Word, we must each one of us go right to the Book itself for ourselves. It is as true today as it was when Jesus was here on earth, that men "make the word of God of none effect through their tradition" (Mark 7:13), and the cardinal principle of Protestant spiritual liberty as distinguished from Roman Catholic bondage to a hierarchy, yes, the cardinal principle of New Testament Christianity, is for each child of God to go right to the pure fountain of God's Word for himself. Jesus Christ says, "Call no man your father on the earth: for one is your Father, even he who is in heaven," and call no man master, "for one is your master, even the Christ" (Matt. 23:9, 10, R.V.); that is to say, recognize no absolute spiritual authority; stand in independent relations to God. I refuse in my study of the Book of God to bow to the absolute authority of any pope, or bishop or priest, or of any theological professor. I refuse to bow to the Roman Catholic Pope Benedict or to the Protestant Pope, Shailer

Mathews, or Pope Case, or Pope anybody else, and you on your part refuse to bow to Pope Torrey or to Pope anybody else. Get right to the Book itself, "to the law and to the testimony! if they speak not according to this word, surely there is no morning for them." Do not study commentaries, lesson helps or other books about the Bible: study the Bible itself. Do not study about the Bible, study the Bible. The Bible is the Word of God, and only the Bible is the Word of God. A young man who had just graduated from one of our great eastern universities came to Mr. Moody to consult with him as to his life work. He was a young man belonging to a very wealthy family. Mr. Moody said to him,

"Do not go into business. You have more money now than you know what to do with. Why do you not give your life to teaching the English Bible?"

The young man replied, "I do not know anything about the English Bible."

"Why," Mr. Moody exclaimed, "I thought you had just graduated at ——— University, and that they had a high-priced professor employed there for the one purpose of teaching the English Bible."

"Yes," he said, "that is true, and I have taken his classes. But, Mr. Moody, would you like to know how he teaches the English Bible? We have been studying for six months to find out who wrote the Pentateuch and we know less about it than when we started." That was not Bible study at all, it was study about the Bible. And a good deal of the so-called "study of the English Bible" today in universities and theological seminaries is of that character.

Every child of God should dig into the Bible itself entirely independently of all commentaries or all lesson helps. I love to go alone with God and His Book and see what He has to say to me, without any man's intervention. The trouble with most of us is that we live on spoon victuals. You come here Sunday after Sunday and I ladle out to you what I have found in the Book. Go to the Book itself. I have sometimes watched a robin feed its young, and spit into their gaping mouths what it had dug up and chewed. I do not like it. It is doubtless necessary for young robins and chippy birds, but we ought to get beyond that and go right to the Book Itself for ourselves.

II. Study the Bible, Really Study It

That too comes out in Acts 17:11, they "searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so." Note carefully the word "searched," or as it is translated in the Revised Version, "examining the scriptures." The Greek word translated "searched" in the Authorized Version and "examining" in the Revised Version, is a very strong word. It means "to search after by looking through, to investigate, to examine, to inquire into, to scrutinize, to sift." It means the closest and most minute study. The Bible being God's Book is full of meaning in

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Editor's Notes

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know. I have tried it again and again. And I am giving all I can to send THE SWORD to preachers. In Jesus' name, you who read this, help me! Send as large a gift as you can today to the Sword Ministers and Missionary Subscription Fund. I promise to use the money as directed, to use it prayerfully, and I promise you God will repay every penny. Address your letter to the Sword of the Lord, Wheaton, Illinois, and help me now, I beg you, to send THE SWORD OF THE LORD to thousands of ministers and missionaries, ministerial students and other Christian workers who want it and ought to have it.

That Chattanooga Pastors' School

Tennessee Temple Schools at Chattanooga had 741 students last year. Now the Tennessee Temple Schools are putting on a summer 10-day school for pastors and Christian workers, July 11 to 20. Beds will be furnished for pastors. Meals are available at a very reasonable cost. Pastor, missionary, evangelist, make reservation at once by writing to Tennessee Temple Schools, Chattanooga. Say when you will arrive. And don't forget the dates: July 11 to 20.

Speakers include Dr. Lee Robinson, the great pastor of Highland Park Baptist Church. Dr. John Herrmann, vice-president of Tennessee Temple Schools, Dr. Mark Cambron, dean of Tennessee Temple Bible School, and this editor, Evangelist John R. Rice. God willing, I plan to teach through the book of Acts on such themes as "The Building of a New Testament Church," "The Fullness of the Spirit," "Methods in Soul Winning," etc., and I believe God will make it a tremendous blessing. Pastor, get that letter off today asking for a free room!

A Simple, Proven Way to Win Souls

More and more I am impressed that anybody who really wants to win souls will find some way to do it. This morning as I reviewed letters from all over the world telling of souls saved through the use of the little booklet, "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" I was impressed again with how simple it is to win souls when you really mean business.

At a prison camp, preachers had had services with no visible results again and again. Then a godly man bethought him to pass out the booklet, "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" to many. Then when he went back to preach, there were a number of professions of faith and there have been people saved in a number of services since. He found the prisoners hungry to read simple Christian literature.

A pastor left a copy of "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" in the seat of his car with his unsaved brother-in-law, while he stopped at a filling station. He stayed away long enough for the brother-in-law to read the booklet and so get the great central facts of the Gospel clear. He was a sinner. Christ died for him. The only way to be saved was to put his trust in Jesus Christ. When the pastor returned, he quickly led his brother-in-law to the all-important decision.

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its minutest word; and is worthy of not merely the cursory, superficial reading, the careless skimming that most people give to it. That is all most of the other books, men's books, deserve; any closer study than that is a waste of time. But the Bible, being God's Book, God's own perfect Word, God's inexhaustible storehouse of truth, in which are hidden the infinite treasures of the wisdom and knowledge of God, is worthy of the closest and minutest study. And it abundantly rewards such study, and that is one of the countless proofs that the Bible really is God's Word. The more closely and microscopically you study this Book the more you see and the more wonderful the blessing you get. The Bible should be studied with the closest and most concentrated attention. Here is where more people miss the fullest blessing in their study of the Bible than anywhere else. They are looking at the Bible with their bodily eyes, but their minds are off in a dozen other places. When you study the Bible, resolutely shut everything else out, shut the door of your mind to everything else and shut yourself up with God alone. It may take time to cultivate this habit of concentrated attention, but any Christian can accomplish it. If you find your mind wandering, go back and fasten your eyes and your mind on that verse again, and chew every word. Remember what Jeremiah said, "Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy words were unto me a

joy and the rejoicing of my heart" (Jer. 15:16, R.V.) A very prominent and very busy businessman said to me one night, "Tell me in a single word, how to study my Bible." I replied, "It is a pretty big contract, to tell a man in a single word how to study the Bible, but if I must put it into one word, this is the word, 'thoughtfully'—study the Bible thoughtfully, give your whole attention to the Bible as you study it." It is well to read a chapter of the Bible and then close the Book and see how much you can remember. Do the same with single verses. This is one of the greatest secrets of profitable study of any kind, *concentrated attention*; but it is pre-eminently the secret of profitable Bible study. The one great object of the analytical study, verse by verse, and word by word, of some books in the Bible, that I compel the students in the Bible Institute to do, is to train them to the habit of concentrated attention when they study the Bible. But you do not need to be a student in the Bible Institute to do it; any of you can learn to do it. Not only can every one of you learn to do it, but you must learn to do it.

III. Study the Bible Daily

That also comes out in Acts 17:11, "These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so." The daily study of the Bible is the only proper or fully profitable way to study the Bible. We saw in our introduction that proper Bible study was the study that was appropriate or fitting to the Book we were studying, the kind of study of which that Book was worthy. As the Bible is God's Book, the only kind of study that is fitting to it, is everyday study. Do you not desire to know every day what God has to say that day? If you do not, you are a fool. Every Christian who does not study, really study, the Bible every day is a fool. Not only that, any Christian who neglects the study of the Bible one single day insults God.

And you should put much time every day, no matter how busy you are, into Bible study. Certainly fifteen minutes a day is too little time to put into listening to what God has to say to you. My students think one hour a day is little enough time to spend with me, and who am I? Who is God? One of the greatest follies of which the average Christian is guilty, is spending so little time each day alone with God. Mr. Moody used to say,

"In our prayers we talk to God, in our Bible study God talks to us, and we had better let God do most of the talking."

We certainly ought to spend more time every day listening to what God has to say to us in His Word than we require Him to spend in listening to what we have to say to Him in our prayers. Most of us spend too little time in prayer and almost every one of us spends far too little time in Bible study. Stop and register a resolution right now that from this time on you will spend more time every day of your life in listening to God as He speaks in His Word, more time in real Bible study.

IV. Study the Bible to Find Out What It Actually Teaches

That too comes out in Acts 17:11, "they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so." It comes out in these words, "whether those things were so." They "examined the scriptures" to find out what they actually taught; not to find out something to corroborate their own previous opinions but to find out exactly what God had to say. Do not study the Bible to find out what you can make it mean, but to find out what God evidently intended to teach. One of the most prolific sources of misunderstanding and evil in Bible study is found right here. Men go to the Book not to find out what God has to say and what He really means to teach, but to find something that will corroborate their own view, or something that they can somehow twist into

agreement with their own preconceived opinions.

Take, for example, what the Bible teaches about the second coming of Christ. A host of books and pamphlets have appeared on this subject in the last few years, but not a few of these do not exhibit the remotest desire to find out what the Bible really has to say upon the subject and to accept that as final. They are simply a labored and ingenious attempt either to discredit what Christ Jesus and the apostles do say, or else to distort it and make it mean what any fair-minded man or woman in their inmost heart knows it was never intended to mean. Take, for example, Shailer Mathews' tract, "Will Christ Come Again?" From start to finish it is simply a subtle attempt to discredit the teaching of Jesus Christ and the apostles on this subject. Or take either of the two most lauded books on the Second Coming written from the postmillennial viewpoint. While they are not so outrageously and blasphemously irreverent in their allusions to the words of our Lord Jesus and the apostles as Shailer Mathews' pamphlet is, they certainly are not an honest, frank, simple-minded attempt to find out exactly what God has to say on the subject. It would be a glaring outrage to study any man's book in that way: it is an atrocious insult to God to study His Book in that way. Study the Bible with an absolutely single-eyed purpose to discover exactly what God intended to teach.

V. Meditate Long and Profoundly on What You Find Taught in the Bible

This is what we are taught in our third text, "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper." As the Eternal and all-wise God is the Speaker in the Bible, everything taught in the Bible is worthy of our most profound and most prolonged consideration. We should ponder it, we should weigh it, we should thoroughly masticate and digest it, we should "meditate upon" it as we read it and hear it, and afterwards as we go about our daily work we should "meditate upon it day and night."

Meditation is one of the most fruitful processes of the human mind. But how fruitful and profitable meditation may be depends entirely upon what we meditate upon. There is no profit in meditation that is mere mind-wandering and day-dreaming. The most fruitful and profitable of all meditation is meditation upon God's revealed truth, God's revealed Word. It is by meditation upon the truth that truth fructifies, just as eggs hatch by being sat upon. 'Blessed, infinitely blessed, is the man that meditateth upon the Word of God day and night.' One of the best ways to conserve golden moments that might otherwise be squandered (for example, as we walk the streets or fields or ride on the trolley car) is to meditate upon the Word you have been studying. Turn God's Word over and over and over again in your mind as you study it. Look at all the facets of each diamond of truth. Let the Word soak in, let it saturate your life, your thoughts, your feelings, your will. Bible-soaked thoughts are God-like thoughts. Bible-soaked affections are God-like affections. A Bible-soaked will is a God-like will. That is a large part of what is meant in John 15:7, R.V. "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatsoever ye will, and it shall be done unto you." "Meditate" on the Word of God "day and night."

Growing out of what we have just said,

VI. Store the Bible Up in Your Memory

Without such storing up in memory the most profitable meditation upon it is impossible. The

great profit of storing up the Bible in your memory is set forth in Psalm 119:11, R.V. "Thy word have I laid up in my heart, That I might not sin against thee." That is the proper thing to do with God's Word, lay it up in your heart. What is so worthy of being treasured in our minds as the golden words of God? Whoever has God's Word stored away in his mind has treasure vaults filled with pure gold. Our Lord Jesus, as part of His farewell message to His disciples in the wonderful fourteenth chapter of John (R.V.) says in verse 21,

"He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself unto him."

Do you not long to be one of those whom the Father and the Son peculiarly "love"? Do you not long to have the Lord Jesus "manifest" Himself to you? Well, these words tell you how to secure these priceless privileges, "He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself unto him."

To keep Christ's words means more than simply to obey them; it means to treasure them, to hold on to them, to store them up in your mind and heart, or to use David's phrase, 'lay them up in your heart.'

Then in John 14:23, Jesus says, "If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him." Is not that great, having the Father and the Son making their home with us? Well, it is through the treasured up Word that this is brought about.

Just two suggestions about how to memorize Scripture! First, memorize it systematically. Do not have a jumble of disjointed texts in your mind, but classified and associated texts. Association is the great secret of a retentive memory. Group your memorized passages together, classify them in a logical and orderly way. Second, commit the verses to memory by chapter and verse.

VII. Study the Whole Bible

That comes out in a very striking way in Luke 24:27, R.V., "And beginning from Moses and from all the prophets, he interpreted to them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself." We see that Jesus studied not merely parts or fragments of the Bible, but the whole Bible as far as He had it, "beginning from Moses and from all the prophets, he interpreted to them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself." The whole Bible is the Word of God; therefore every part of the Bible should be studied. We not only need to know the mind of God, but the whole mind of God. One of the commonest causes of comparatively unprofitable Bible study is that only parts of the Bible are studied. Some only study pet books. Some study only the New Testament; some study only the Psalms; some never study Genesis; some never study prophecy, they never study Revelation and they never study Daniel. Others study nothing but Daniel or Revelation. Some study only pet subjects; some never study anything but divine healing, and some never study divine healing at all. Some never study the second coming of Christ and others never study any thing but the second coming of Christ. You never rightly understand any one of the sixty-six books of the Bible until you study it in its relation to the other sixty-five. You never rightly understand any subject in the Bible until you understand it in its relation to other subjects in the Bible.

VIII. Study the Bible as the Word of God

This we are taught to do by

God Himself in I Thessalonians 2:13, "For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe."

We have already seen that the proper way to study any book is to study it as just what it is. Well, then it is clear as day that, as the Bible is the Word of God, the proper way to study it and the only proper way to study it, the only way to get the largest profit out of the study of it, is to study it as the Word of God. Many distinguished university professors say we should study the Bible just as we study any other book, and they fancy that they have said something wondrously wise when they have said it. But while it is partly true, it is very largely false; indeed, it is very largely abject nonsense. We should study the Bible as we study any other book to this extent, that we apply to it the same laws for the discovery of the meaning of words and phrases and the same laws of grammatical construction that we apply to any other book; but there the principle ceases. We should study it as we study no other book, for it is what no other book is; it is God's Word and all other books are men's words, and we should study it as what it is, and we should study other books as what they are. So we should study the Bible and the Bible alone, as God's Word, and we should study every other book as man's words for that is exactly what they are. What is involved in studying the Bible as God's Word? Five things:

1. First, that we believe absolutely its every statement. We may not see how it can be true, but we should believe it just because God says it. Abraham could not see how he, when he was "about an hundred years old" and Sarah nearly as old, and childless, could become "a father of many nations"; but God said so and Abraham believed it, and "God counted it to him for righteousness" (Gen. 15:6). If we have really good sense we will behave just like Abraham. God says something in this Book; Prof. So and So says it is not so, and the Rev. Dr. Bighead, D.D., Ph.D., LL.D., Litt.D., F.R.G.S., A.S.S., says it cannot be so; but as God says so, you and I, if we have real good sense, will believe it in spite of all the A.S.S.E.S. in the world.

2. In the second place, that we bank unhesitatingly and without a trace of doubt or anxiety lest it fail us on its every promise in all its height and depth and length and breadth. I am only a frail and feeble man, but I expect every man to accept and rest absolutely upon every promise of mine. And God, who cannot lie (Titus 1:2), not only expects that of you and me, He demands it, and you are a fool if you do not do it. A good many of the promises of this Book seem altogether too big to believe, but God made them and there is nothing too big for God, and not a promise in this Book ever went down yet, if you put both your

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3. In the third place, *studying the Bible as the Word of God involves your obeying implicitly and exactly its every commandment that is addressed to you.* There are commandments in this Book that are not addressed to you: the Bible explicitly says that they are addressed to Jews and you are not a Jew. But there are many commandments that are addressed to you; obey every one of them to the last jot and tittle. It will seem hard sometimes but it will pay.

4. In the fourth place, *studying the Bible as the Word of God involves studying it as God's message to you, studying it not as God's Word in the abstract, but God's Word in the concrete, God's Word to you.* Forget everybody else for the time being and think of God as saying this thing to you. Oh, it is fine to have a talk with God and to have Him do the talking. He has so much more to say that is worth listening to than you or I have to say to Him. I know a man out in China who has the rare gift of keeping his mouth shut in seven different languages.

He is quite a young man but he has acquired a great reputation for sagacity because he so seldom says anything. He listens. But the place of places to keep still is when you are studying the Bible; keep still and listen and let God do the talking.

5. In the fifth place, *studying the Bible as the Word of God involves studying the Book as in the presence of God. See God standing right there saying these things which are written.* Have you ever thought, when you have read how God came down and talked with Abraham face to face, that you wished He could come down and talk that way with you? Well, we have a privilege far beyond that of Abraham. It was only in a few very rare instances that God came down and met Abraham and talked with him, but God is ready to come down and meet us and talk with us face to face every time we open our Bibles. Oh, it is great to have God call you into His presence and say, "I have something I want to whisper right into your ear alone and into your heart," and then open your Bible and see God standing there and hear Him saying that which is written there in the Book before your eyes. Studying the Bible that way makes the Bible a new and living Book. It is great to study the Bible on your knees. It has been one of the rarest privileges of my life to read every chapter in the Bible and every verse in the

Bible on my knees. And it is your privilege to do the same.

IX. Study the Bible With a Will Wholly Surrendered to God

That is one of the greatest secrets of proper and profitable Bible study. There is nothing that clears up the mind to see and understand what God says and what God means like a will wholly surrendered to God. Our Lord Jesus Himself teaches us that. He says in John 7:17, R.V., "If any man *willeth to do his will, he shall know* of the teaching, whether it is of God or whether I speak for myself." The mind of the man whose will is not surrendered to God is a fogbank; the mind of the man whose will is surrendered to God is clear shining as a perfect California day. Oh, I have known men to whom the Bible was a sealed Book, a useless Book, a silly, stupid Book, but by the unreserved surrender of their wills to God the Bible became an open Book. The surrender of the will to God will do more to make the Bible an open Book than a university education at home and abroad in Greek and Hebrew and cognate languages. I have known great Greek scholars and great Hebrew scholars who were as blind as bats to the real meaning of God's Word, simply because their wills were not surrendered to God; and I have known men and women

who knew none of "the original languages" in which the Bible was written, neither the original Greek, nor the original Hebrew, only "the original English," who were open-eyed to all that was best and dearest in this Book because their wills were utterly surrendered to God.

We had a young woman in the Bible Institute in Chicago years ago who seemed to have no fitness to be a student at a Bible institute. She was entirely out of harmony with the place and densely ignorant of the things of God. One day she went (as all the women students were required to go now and then) down to one of the destitute parts of the City, calling from house to house upon the poor. She became utterly disgusted with the surroundings and quit her work and went down to the Lake Shore Drive and walked along in front of the magnificent mansions there and said to herself,

"Now, this is what I like, and this is what I am going to have. I am thoroughly sick of Milton Avenue and Townsend Street. This for me."

In that rebellious state of mind she returned to the Institute and the bell soon rang for supper. She went down and took her seat at the table, still rebelling at the thought of a life of sacrifice amid unpleasant surroundings. But suddenly, there at the supper-table, she surrendered her will to God, sprang from the table, rushed over to one of the other girls, threw her arms around her and said, "I am a volunteer for Africa." A wonderful transformation and a wonderful opening of her mind to the things of God occurred instantly. I was away when it all happened, but when I came back my secretary told me about it; for it was the talk of the school. A little later in the day as I passed out of the gate on La Salle Avenue I met her just coming in. She looked up radiantly into my face and said,

"Oh, Mr. Torrey, have you heard the news?"

I said, "Yes, Jack, Miss Waite has told me."

Then she fairly danced in holy glee on the sidewalk as she poured out her glad heart, and then she said, "Oh, Mr. Torrey, the most wonderful thing about it is that the Bible is a new Book. I thought the Bible was the most stupid Book in the world. I would rather have read an old almanac than the Bible. You did compel me by your lectures at Northfield to believe in the deity of Christ, but the Bible I could not endure. But oh, since I surrendered my will, what a wonderful Book the Bible is; God is making marvelous revelations to me from it every day."

Oh, men and women, if you want a Bible that is wonderful, a Bible whose every page glows with glory, study it with a will absolutely surrendered to God.

X. Study the Bible to Learn How to Live Your Daily Life, and Live Your Daily Life That Way

God commands us to do this in James 1:22. He says, "Be ye *doers* of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves." Very many study the Bible, yes, dig into it, spend hours with it, just to gratify their curiosity on the great subjects of which the Bible treats, or to qualify themselves to be expert theological disputants. No, no, no, study the Bible to find out how to live so as to please God, and live that way. Studying the Bible with an eager desire to learn how to please God, and living that way, goes a long way toward making the Bible an open Book. People often ask, what is the best translation of the original Scriptures, the Authorized Version, or the Revised Version, or Weymouth's, or whose translation? Listen, infinitely the best translation of the Bible is the translation into daily living.

XI. Study the Bible Under the Holy Spirit's Personal Direction

God tells us in I Corinthians 2:14: "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are *spiritually discerned*."

Do not study the Bible as the Christian Scientist studies it, through Mrs. Eddy's spectacles, under bondage to "Science and Health." Mrs. Eddy's spectacles are badly smoked glasses. Do not study the Bible as Pastor Russell's dupes study it, through that silly man's spectacles, trying to see the Bible with "Millennial Dawn" standing between you and the Book of God itself. Do not study it as the Mormon studies it, looking at the Bible through the densely opaque medium of the ridiculous and immoral Book of Mormon, apparently gotten up originally as a joke by a backsliding Presbyterian preacher, Solomon Spaulding.

"Call no man master" (Matt. 23:10). Do not study it through any man's spectacles; study it through the telescope and microscope of the Holy Spirit. Study it under the personal direction of the Holy Spirit. The way to obtain His personal direction in your study of the Bible we are told in Psalm 119:18, R.V.: "Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law." It is by asking for it. "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him" (Luke 11:13). We are also told in Luke 24:45, R.V., "Then opened he their mind, that they might understand the scriptures."

XII. Study the Bible With a Childlike Mind

That is the only proper way to study the Bible, for the Bible is a revelation intended by God to be understood by all honest-minded, humble-minded, teachable people. Many very scholarly men study the Bible as if it were a puzzle book; instead of taking the meaning that lies on the surface, they dig down for some occult meaning, some meaning other than what the words seem to imply.

The Roman Catholic Church says that simple-minded Christians must not dare to study the Bible for themselves independently—they must go to the priest to interpret it for them; and the Chicago University says that ordinary, "unscholarly" regenerate men, women and children cannot get the Bible's real meaning for themselves; they must have some great scholar, soaked in the German infidelity of Wellhausen and Graf and their host of satellites and followers, to interpret it for them.

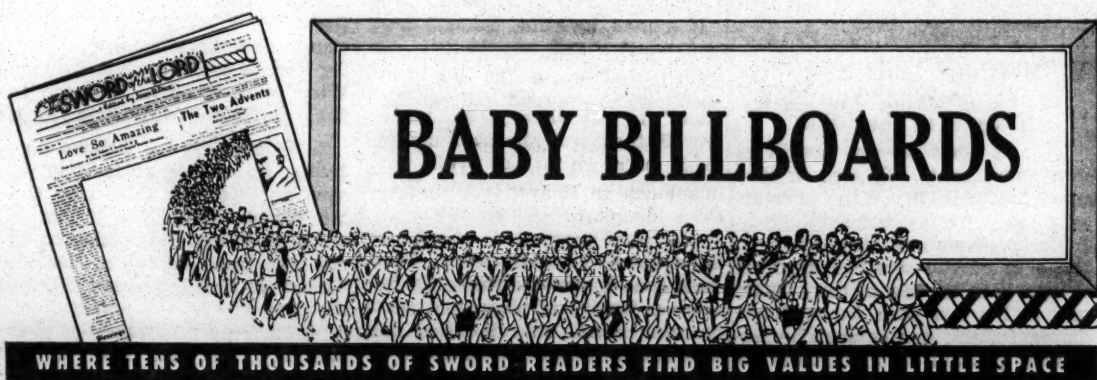
But Jesus said, "I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes." (Matt. 11:25). Oh, these ingenious and fantastic interpretations of cunning "scholars," men who are so subtle that they are positively silly! They would be laughable if they were not outrageous. Some men's erudition is very close to perdition. The little girl was right when she said, "If God didn't mean what He said, why didn't He say what He meant?" He does say what He means, exactly what He means. Once more,

XIII. Study the Bible Systematically

It is very clear from Luke 24:27, R.V., that Jesus so studied it, for we read: "And beginning from Moses and from all the prophets, he interpreted to them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself." Have some good system of Bible study and follow it. System counts in everything, but it counts more in study than it counts in anything else: and it counts more in Bible study than in any other form of study. I have not time here to go into the details of systems or methods of Bible study.

Let me add just one word, improve spare moments for Bible study. Carry a Bible with you wherever you go, or at least a New Testament, and wherever you have a spare moment, put it into Bible study. But do not rest content with the use of spare moments in Bible study; have a regular set time every day that is kept sacredly for getting alone with God in the study of His Word.

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Movies Are Getting Worse

A contemporary (secular) magazine says Hollywood Movies are becoming more "Sexy." Saying that Hollywood films are becoming more "adult," we learn that they are actually becoming more obscene and suggestive. They have always been bad: now they are much worse and not fit for anyone to see.

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Whisky -- the Devil in Liquid Form

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per cent of the homes are stocked with liquor in that county.

It is shown that women do most of the buying for the home and so Satan somehow has included beer on the national grocery list, so that 55 per cent of the beer sold in America is sold at the grocery store to the housewives.

I am afraid our condition is far worse than we realize. God's Word is plain—"Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." Paul said that to the Galatians, but I believe it is true on a great national scale. We're sowing drink everywhere one turns, we'll reap a nation of drunkards, and God's judgment will certainly fall.

I talked sometime ago with a former supervisor of nurses in a Lancaster, Pennsylvania, hospital. She and her husband told me of the classes being sponsored here in Pennsylvania to educate the nurses for an atomic attack. The man who taught these courses permitted the class to ask any question relative to the subject, except one. That one question was "Will an atom bomb fall in the United States." He said, "The answer, I fear, is yes."

We look at Babylon in Daniel 5; in one night of revelry when they turned God's sacred vessels into liquor glasses, God's judgment fell and Belshazzar died.

We know of Rome and her culture, then of her revelry and drunkenness. We also know how she fell.

In modern times we've heard of the drunkenness and debauchery in foreign lands. We saw Mussolini's and Hitler's empires defy God and fall in the dust. We keep telling ourselves that it can't happen here, but Jesus said, "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish" (Luke 13:3).

I can't help but believe, unless we see a great national turning to God, God's judgment will have to fall. One of the worst things Satan

has used against our nation is the intoxicating drinks sold in bars, restaurants, saloons, cafes, drug stores, restaurants and grocery stores across our land.

This Concerns Every Saved Person

I have heard well-learned men of God say, "Preach Christ and Him crucified. You won't need to worry about the liquor business or anything else; people will grow out of worldly things." This may be in some cases, but Paul told Timothy to reprove, rebuke and exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine, and he said the Bible was given for reproof, correction and instruction in righteousness. I believe II Timothy 3:16. God gave us His Word to reprove us of our sin, all types of it, including drunkenness, then correct us through salvation and instruct us to live as we should by the Holy Spirit.

If you are a child of God and you keep a deck of cards and believe in moderate drinking, you need some reproof. It's no wonder you think we should stick to the Gospel. This is why God gave the Gospel.

First of all, Christian, the Bible has a lot to say about this.

Genesis 9:20-26 records the drunkenness of Noah.

Genesis 19:30-38 tells of Lot's terrible backsliding and sin due to drunkenness.

Dueteronomy 21:20 condemns a prodigal son because of drunkenness.

In Dueteronomy 29:6, the children of Israel did not drink strong drink so that they would better know God.

In Judges 13:4, the mother of Samson was told to beware of strong drink.

In I Samuel 1:15, Hannah, the mother of Samuel, did not drink. First Kings 16:9 tells how a king dies in drunkenness.

In I Kings 20:16, an army fails and is defeated through drink.

These are only a few references that show the wickedness of this awful sin. You can find other warnings of this nature in Isaiah 19:14, 5:11 and 5:22. Then in Jeremiah 35:5, Ezekiel 44:21, Daniel 1:5, Amos 2:8, Hosea 3:1, Joel 3:3, Nahum 1:10, Matthew 24:49, Luke 12:45, Romans 13:13, Galatians 5:21, Ephesians 5:18, and I Thessalonians 5:7; and still there are many more which any Christian could find.

Several years ago Dr. Rice had a sermon in THE SWORD OF THE LORD on "The Double Curse of Booze." He said from Isaiah 28:1, "Woe to the crown of pride, to the drunkards of Ephraim," and Habakkuk 2:15, "Woe unto him that giveth his neighbour to drink, that putteth thy bottle to him," that there is a double curse from God on strong drink. There is a curse on all who drink it and a curse on all who for any reason give it to anyone else to drink. I certainly believe that.

If you are a child of God you ought to have no time for anything that will ruin another man's soul. This thing of saying, "Hallelujah 'tis done, I believe on the Son" and then running down the alley and chewing tin cans with the Devil's goats—you're just as bad as they are. The Bible calls for the child of God to come out and be separate and touch not the unclean thing.

Some of you Christians go in restaurants where they sell beer, visit parks where they gamble

and get drunk, just because they give you two dips of ice cream where another restaurant or park only gives you one.

Here's a restaurant—an old bum comes up the road and goes in, he puts down a quarter for beer, sits there and drinks. After a while church services are over and the people are coming home. Then a number of them come in the restaurant—they don't buy beer, they don't believe in that, but they like the French fries. They have their meal and when they leave, they back the Devil's business with their testimony, which the bum doesn't have, and with far more money than he could give.

Friend, the Devil has you both squarely behind his work. He just baits the hook with beer in the one case and with French fries in the other.

I remember a meeting where I preached a few years ago. I was preaching against the card game and at the close of the message I said, "If you have a set of those ungodly cards in your home, child of God, open the furnace and burn them, then wash your hands before you come out here tomorrow night." One little boy took this all in. That day when he went home, he opened the drawer where the deck of cards was kept, walked into the front room, opened the stove and threw them in. His mother, watching this, was amazed and asked, "What are you doing?"

He replied, "The preacher said if we had any of these cards we were to burn them." Then she followed him to the kitchen where he washed his hands.

She asked, "What are you doing now?"

He said, "The preacher said we were to wash our hands for the Bible says, 'touch not the unclean thing.'"

Do you know what happened? That boy's mother was converted in the next meeting. If only more Christians would rise up and shake off the Devil's fleas, especially the supporters and users of intoxicating drink which sends people to Hell by the hundreds. My what a revival we could have!

Tell me, Christian, why is it when people get drunk, they pull off their clothing? Why is it that ordinarily a man won't swear before a lady, but if he gets drunk he'll swear anywhere? I've even heard them cursing in what they intended to be prayer. Why is it a drunkard will let his family go without clothing and food until they die, while he satisfies a craving instilled by the Devil? Why is it a woman will drink and leave her children, listen to filthy suggestions and be away for days with a man she has never met before? Why? I'll tell you why; there's something damning about liquor—it's got the power of the Devil behind it; it's marked and branded by him, and no Christian can ever give any kind of a reason that will stand at the judgment seat of Christ for backing it, for using it or for passing it to others. If you go to restaurants where they sell strong drink or parks where drunkenness is prevalent; or if you serve beer to make a living, will you promise God you'll leave the unclean thing and be the child of His He wants you to be? Will you promise, right here, right now, you'll let the indwelling Holy Spirit have his way?

This Concerns the Unsaved

"If our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost." Paul says this in II Corinthians 4:3.

Our Gospel is hid while the Devil tells the multitudes to drown their sorrows and sin in strong drinks. One man told me how he worked hard all day, then came home and drank beer all evening. He was sick all night and sober enough toward morning to go to work. He said before, the Lord saved him, he tried to drown his life of sin in this way. If I could gather all the poor wretched people together in ages past and living now who are doing that same thing, there would be an army greater than any on earth. Unsaved friend, whisky will never drown your sorrow or take away one sin.

I remember years ago when I worked as a clerk in a grocery store. It was before I saw the terrible sin in the world and God

sent me out in full-time preaching. There was a young man who came in one day, he and his wife. They were a nice, kindly sort of people and I liked them a lot. I remember how they stood there at the counter putting pennies in a gambling machine. I remember, too, a Christian, a man I looked up to then, stood there at the counter and I saw him put seventy pennies in that same machine and stomp out of the store cursing as he went. Well, they played and played; they didn't get angry, as the others did, and after a while they were gone. A few days later the proprietor asked me if I could remember these people.

He said, "You know — you thought they were so nice." I could easily recall.

He said, "Joe, that man was killed last night after a wild party."

The evening of the day he was buried, I was working in the store. Do you know what I saw? I wasn't sure at first, I looked the second time. I saw that man's wife with the black veil of a widow putting pennies in that godless machine. As little as I knew then about God and His Word, I felt like running the length of the store and yelling, "Lady, turn away from that awful thing; it was that, and the drink and the sin that goes with it that put your husband in the grave today."

Whisky tells you you're rich when you don't have a cent, tells you you don't have a pain when you're dying of cancer, and last but not least tells you everything is all right while your poor deceived soul is in the hands of the Devil on the road to an eternal Hell.

God's Word says in I Corinthians 6:9, 10, there will be no drunkards in Heaven. A drunkard as a drunkard will never enter there. Some may ask, "Is there no hope then?" Yes, friend, there is hope for any drunkard, the same as there is hope for any sinner. Drunkenness is one of the many sins that keep people from God.

I don't mean to preach if you're a drunkard and you quit drinking, that will take you to Heaven. You may quit this sin by the strength of your will. If you do, the Devil will soon involve you in another; for you were born in sin with a wicked nature that knows nothing but rebellion against God.

The only answer is the new birth, to be born all over again; with a new heart, a new mind, in fact, an entirely new nature wholly in harmony with God. This will happen when you realize how sinful you are and accept the Lord Jesus Christ as your Saviour. God's Word tells us we have sinned (Rom. 3:23). He plainly tells us the Lord Jesus bore our sins in His own body on the tree (I Pet. 2:24), and arose from the grave (I Cor. 15:4), this living Saviour calls now to all those lost in sin.

"God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."—John 3:16.

Several years ago I read of a fine young man of physical and mental health. He was a Scotchman by birth and educated at one of the great English universities. He became a fine draftsman, mechanist and mechanical engineer; then he crossed the Atlantic to settle down in Canada and build a business there. He had a family of four daughters and two sons; his wife was a very useful member of the church, as was also his widowed mother who lived with them.

He was very fond of his family and mother even when drink got the best of him, as it often did. The people knew him and loved him, and many times had the greatest of patience when his place of business would be closed for days while he was gone somewhere on a drunken spree.

At times he saw the wickedness of his life. Like Solomon, his life would gather like a bubble before him and then explode before his eyes. He would sit there and think, it's 'vanity, all vanity.' One day in such a mood he wandered to the home of a God-fearing neighbor. He asked if the man would write a temperance pledge, and said he would sign it. He was told that he needed more than signing his name to a pledge; he

News Notes

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reprove the lewd commercial movies, on the basis of Ephesians 5:11: "Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them."

We quote from the magazine: "Hollywood directors now permit a dropped shoulder strap here, a tighter sweater there, and characters are beginning to talk pretty much the way adults talk to one another. It's now all right to tell smutty jokes on the screen. The fact is that the 21-year-old Johnston Office Production Code has been quietly relaxed. . . . "East of Eden" can be partly laid in a disorderly house, "Battle Cry" can show the sort of involvements Marines get into off base, and the film version of the novel *The Naked and the Dead* will probably be released with that title (the word 'naked' used to be taboo)."

Grace & Truth

Clinton N. Howard Dies, Long Career as Crusader

The memorial services for Clinton N. Howard (Little Giant of the Prohibition Reform) were held in Washington, D. C., at 3 p. m., April 27, at Hines Funeral Home and burial was at Rochester, N. Y., his former home before he came to Washington in 1937.

Four prominent ministers took part in the services—Evangelist Dale Crowley; Dr. Clarence W. Cranford, of Calvary Baptist Church; Dr. John W. Bradbury, editor of the Watchman-Examiner, and Dr. Frederick Brown Harris, pastor of the Foundry Methodist Church and chaplain of the United States Senate.

Clinton N. Howard was superintendent of the International Reform Federation. He would have been 87 years old in July.

Mr. Howard was active in the National Temperance and Prohibition Council and the World Peace Commission and had spoken all over the nation on prohibition.

He is author of that wonderful article in pamphlet form, *Pearls of Paradise*.

needed to be born again through the Lord Jesus Christ. He took the advice but never trusted the Lord. He broke that pledge and then from time to time signed many others and broke them all.

Finally his aged mother was taken seriously ill. One day, in fact the day she died she called for her drunken son, James. He came quickly to the bedside, and she urged him as her dying request to sign a pledge and promise he would meet her in Heaven.

James said, "Mother, you know I love you, and would willingly do anything for you that is in my power, but this is something over which I have no control. Mother, I've signed pledges again and again and it is no use to promise."

Then she turned to him, "My boy, I'd like you to promise one more time, certainly you would never break a promise made to your mother at death." Finally he was persuaded and he repeated after his mother, "I promise that I will never again take a drop of intoxicating liquor unless I receive it from my mother's hand." She died with a smile, happy in the thought that this time he would keep the pledge.

Within a few hours he stole quietly out of the house, went downtown and into a saloon. He bought a bottle of brandy which he put in his pocket and went home. Then he got a glass, and so great did the thirst become, that he went in the room where his mother's body lay, poured out a glass of brandy and placed it in her cold hand.

He drank that night until he lost his senses. He was too drunk to be at his mother's funeral and in only a few hours he died from delirium tremens.

Friend, that is what sin will do. Men have broken their homes, cursed their parents, even killed their closest friends to satisfy the cravings of a wicked heart, and the only answer is salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. Will you come to Him now?

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God at the Door

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ers. Jesus stands there today. You went to a revival. Or your mother prayed for you. Or some good Christian wants you to be saved. Or somebody handed you a tract. Or you pass a church and the steeple points toward God. I say, Jesus Christ stands at the door and knocks, and I hope today that you will open the door and let Jesus in. Will you do that today? Write and tell me. Write John Rice at Wheaton, Illinois, today, and say, "I opened my heart's door to Jesus! I trusted Him to save me."

Jesus said, "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me." What a wonderful thought it is that Jesus stands at the door and knocks—at the door of your heart today!

Jesus Offers That He, Himself, Will Come in

I want you to notice now what Jesus offers to do. He said, "If any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in."

What does Jesus offer? He offers Himself. I wish you would get this. I know there are many, many, many other things that happen. Somebody said, "Well, I got saved." That's not all. You got Jesus! Somebody said, "God gave me eternal life." Well, He did when you trusted Him, but Jesus is the eternal life Himself! Don't you know over in the first epistle of John, the Scripture says on this matter, I John 5:11, 12, "This is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life." If you have Jesus, you have everlasting life.

The wonderful thing is not that Jesus comes to give you some other gifts. Oh, He does! There never was a mythical Santa Claus

with a pack with so many toys and so many blessings that could compare, even that fiction and that myth, with the wonderful truth of the gifts beyond description that Jesus brings when He comes into your heart. But the best thing you can get when you get saved is that you get Jesus Himself! Jesus said, "I will come in." Jesus didn't say, "I'm a delivery boy and if you'll open the door I'll hand you a present." He said, "If you'll open the door, I'll come in myself and I'll stay there with you. I'll come in."

Oh, Jesus Himself is salvation! That's the reason Paul wrote in Colossians 1:27, "Christ in you, the hope of glory." Jesus Christ Himself to live within!

Jesus promised the disciples, "I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter." And He said, "My Father and I will come and make our abode with you."

I'm so glad I have Jesus! I have salvation, yes! I have my sins forgiven; yes! I have peace with God; yes, that's right. I have so many answers to prayer; yes, that's right. But better than all these, I have Jesus Christ Himself, my own Saviour, living in my heart, the Holy Spirit, His representative. Christ said, "I will come in."

I was thinking this afternoon about marriage. It's a wonderful thing that God planned for those who love Him, and marriage can be blessed exceedingly. A young man doesn't just want a date for a night club. He doesn't want just somebody to go with him to a party. No, no, he wants somebody to come to be part of his life, and home, to love him, and live in the home and eat the meals with him, and share all of his burdens, and share his poverty or share his blessings, and be a wife, and bear his children, be a companion, and be a prayer helper, and be an encouragement, and be a helpmeet. No intelligent person would be

satisfied with just an occasional fellowship with the one he wants as his wife. Thank God, what we get is not that Jesus does something for us, but He comes in Himself into the human heart and into the life! Jesus said, "If you'll open the door, I will come in." Ah, Jesus is the eternal life. He is God's unspeakable gift. "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son." That's what God the Father gave. He gave you Jesus! And I have Jesus.

In the Billy Graham revival in Scotland, I noticed that they made much of the terminology "receiving Christ," and that is taken from that verse of Scripture, John 1:12, "As many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God." I found the newspapers had begun to use that very familiar term in quotation. "So many last night 'received Christ,'" the newspaper would say. Well, blessed be God, that's exactly what one does when he is saved. He lets Jesus Christ come in and Jesus Christ comes into the life and into the heart. That is why when one is saved, he has eternal life.

Somebody says, "Well, now I'm saved, if I can just live right now so I can keep it."

I had a letter the other day from a good man, a noble, useful, good preacher. He sent a sermon which I could not use in THE SWORD OF THE LORD, but he said, "Now the important thing is not only to get people saved, but to keep people saved." Brother, blessed be God, Jesus attends to that! If you open your heart, the Saviour comes in and the salvation comes in, and eternal life comes in, for Jesus the Saviour is everything. He comes in to make His abode with you and to live with you and in your heart and in your life, and keep you forever. Oh, then, that's what you get when you open the door, the Scripture says.

Jesus Is Hungry for You!

Jesus says, "I . . . will sup with him." I meditated on this. What did it mean? I came to remember that Jesus some way is hungry and thirsty in a way that can never be satisfied except in seeing souls saved. Sometimes we know people who are so concerned about souls that they don't want to eat and drink. Sometimes I have been so concerned myself that I didn't want to eat. I didn't want other comforts; I was not satisfied with any company. I just wanted to see souls saved. Well, Jesus has that eternal hunger and you can let Him into your heart and He will sup with you. Oh, Jesus will never, never be satisfied with sinners lost. We Christians are not very much like Jesus, I fear, in this matter. He always wants people saved. This is always the biggest thing with Him.

You remember in Isaiah 53 after the Scripture tells in the Old Testament about how Jesus is to bear our sins and "with his stripes we are healed" and "All we like sheep have gone astray . . . and the Lord laid on him the iniquity of us all," then the Scripture says about Jesus that "He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied." Praise God! One of these days the Lord Jesus, that deep heart hunger of Jesus, will be satisfied when he sees them come in from the north and east and south and west to sit down with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of God. The dear Lord Jesus, His soul will be fed! He will rejoice over those He has saved!

That is what the Scripture means, I think, in Hebrews, chapter 12. The Scripture speaks about Jesus, "who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God." Oh, for the joy that was set before Him! The dear Lord Jesus said, "Oh, if I can just save souls, I can satisfy this deep hunger of my heart." Now Jesus said, "If you'll open the door, I will come in and sup with you and we will both be satisfied."

I do not know why the Lord Jesus could not be satisfied with all the host of Heaven, but He is not. He is not. He will never be satisfied except in the saving of souls.

That is what He said in II Peter

3:9: "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." Oh, the dear Saviour wants to come in, and how glad His heart is when a sinner opens the door and when Jesus can come in to sup with him and have the fellowship with him that He longs to have. Jesus wants to come in and sup.

But You, Too, May Daily Have Your Soul Fed

Then he said, "I . . . will sup with him, and he with me."

When you get salvation, you don't just get a mechanical transaction and the record changed. That is wonderful, but that is not all.

It's true that the slate is wiped clean. It's true that the charges in the court are dismissed against the sinner. It's true that God now counts to the sinner all the righteousness of Christ. But that's not all! Then Jesus sets out to live and eat with him and what happy, happy, happy times together, a Christian and his Saviour! Never alone, never forsaken, never left to his own devices, always with a Partner and Friend and Saviour, and never walking in the darkness, but always walking in the light of that Presence, always sitting at the feast.

You know, it is a wonderful thing to sit down and eat with Jesus. I am glad that Jesus comes, but it isn't just that He brings wealth. Why, I have the wealth of the world. It isn't just as if Jesus came and brought me a gift of money. Why, when I have Christ, I have the Creator of all the gold mines, I have the owner of all the property. I'm an heir and a joint-heir with Christ of everything, and I sup with Him!

I wish I could tell you how good it is to be a Christian, to be saved. How wonderful to be saved and know it and have fellowship with Jesus Christ every day! That privilege is yours when you let Jesus come in. He said, "I will come in, and I will sit down at the table with you, I will sup with you." He could say, "I will go into every bedroom where death comes." He could say, "I'll walk through every time of poverty." He could say, "Everytime there is trouble, I'll be there to comfort you. Everytime it is dark, I'll be there to guide you and lead you." He could say, "Everytime there are enemies, I'll be there to take your part."

Jesus said, "Lo, I am with you always," and when you open the door, Jesus comes in. Isn't that a wonderful truth? You sup with Him every day.

How to Let Jesus in: First Hear His Voice

Now a closing word. How may I let Jesus in? What do you mean by "letting Jesus in"? How can I get saved? If you want to put it that way.

Jesus said, "If any man hear my voice." The first thing it takes to be saved is to hear the voice of God. What do you mean? Well, you're not going to be saved until you know there is a Saviour, until you know Jesus died for you, until you know you are a sinner, so you need to listen to the voice of God, the voice of Christ. That's what the Bible is for. That's what preaching is for. That's the reason the Bible says that "it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe" (I Cor. 1:21). That's why the Scripture says on this matter that we are "born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever" (I Pet. 1:23). And Jesus said in John 5:24, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me . . ." You see, God wants you to know what He says about you.

First, you are a sinner. Nobody can ever be saved who doesn't face that matter. You are a wicked sinner. You need to be born again, you need to be forgiven, you need to be changed. You are a sinner. Do you hear the voice of God? Does your conscience admit that you are a poor, wicked sinner? I wonder, are you convicted about it? Well, if you would ever stop and listen to Jesus, you would be convicted. That's the

reason the Scripture says, "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord" (Isa. 1:18). If you would ever stop and give ten minutes' consideration to the fact of your sin and how wicked it is in God's sight, where your sins will lead you, the eternal ruin that sin brings, you would repent and be saved. I hope you will do it now.

Oh, hear Him. Do you hear His voice? "If any man hear my voice . . ." Then you know that God loves you, that Jesus has offered to come in. You know that when you trust Him, He will save you. You've got His promise in the Scriptures. And so you know.

Do you hear His voice today? Will you listen to His voice? Will you stop and listen to the voice of God, the voice of Jesus? Will you confess that you are a sinner? Will you want Him to be your Saviour? Will you admit that you need to be born again?

And then what? Then open the door! What does that mean? I could say it means repentance, but you might misunderstand me, so God uses a simpler word: just open the door! I might say "put your trust in Jesus," and that would be right, but here it is a simpler word. This is like "Come unto me," which Jesus said in another place. If you want Jesus to come in, just open the door. Be willing. Open the door. If you want Him, then quit your fighting, quit your resistance and open the door. Trust Him to come in. Ask Him to come in. And the moment your heart's door opens to Jesus, that moment He will come in and be yours and forgiveness and salvation are yours forever! I hope you will trust Him today.

Open the Door Today

Will you hear the voice of Jesus and open the door of your heart today, now, at this moment? It will mean turning your heart from sin. It will mean trusting Jesus Christ to save your soul. It will mean surrendering to Him your will, taking Him as your own Saviour. If you will do that now, I beg you to throw open your heart's door this moment to Jesus, then sign the following decision form, copy in a letter, and mail it to me today.

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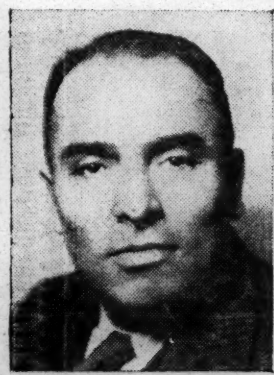
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